

**Report on RSRC draft final report and resulting discussions held
during REQ and RGQ EC meeting on
November 30, 2005 in Washington, DC.**

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The concept of combining the two retail quadrants was presented at the joint REQ and RGQ Executive Meetings held November 30th. Mike Novak gave a presentation on the proposal and there was almost an hour-long discussion with numerous comments which included:

- Combining the quadrants will not solve the membership issue which is the primary goal so, basically, why mess with something that is working very well.
- Currently, the quadrants are essentially joined with meetings, the annual plan, the same standards and having legal documents reflect a single quadrant takes away the future flexibility.
- Making a change in the organization of the retail quadrants will require changing the By-laws and the quadrant procedures. (A comment was made after the meeting that the By-laws would have to be changed even if the two quadrants are left as is because the quadrants are below the required membership levels. I think the Board can continue to authorize the ECs to operate with below the minimum membership requirements and avoid changing the By-laws.)
- Rather than spend time on the cosmetic change, we should focus on what is needed in the marketplace, focus on providing value so that more will see the benefit of NAESB.
- We are a year away from completing the standards and changing the organization does nothing now. It actually slows down the standards development work as found with the recent change in subcommittee structure, i.e. the establishment of IR. We are more likely to see a change in membership when all the standards are done and have been well communicated.
- Concern was voiced about the optics of seeing all the vacancies and this could be addressed by changing the numbers in each segment.
- There needs to be a discussion with NARUC on what they think about combining the quadrants because in the past they have wanted the two.
- A couple said they thought this was a good move.

Ruth